

INFANT DEATH RATE

Objective

By 1990, the national infant mortality rate should be reduced to no more than nine deaths per 1,000 live births.

Explanatory Notes

Infant deaths are deaths of residents under one year of age.

Findings

The state rate has declined 52 percent since 1970 compared to 48 percent nationwide. The state's 1986 rate was still 12 percent above the nation's. Based on changes between 1982 and 1986, the North Carolina rate is projected to decline to 9.7 in 1990. The nation's achievement of this objective appears questionable (3).

Data Sources

North Carolina: State Center for Health Statistics
United States: National Center for Health Statistics